

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006.

Applicant's attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and examination of the present patent application and the indication that claims 27-32 are allowed.

Claims 21-32 are pending in this application. Claims 24 and 26 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 27-32 have been allowed. Claims 21-23 and 25 have been rejected.

In response to the objection under 37 C.F.R. §1.75, claims 28 and 30 have been cancelled.

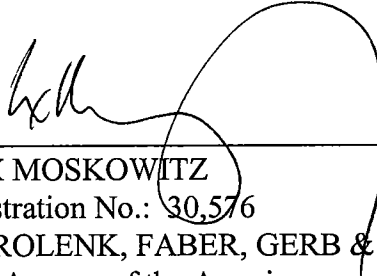
Claims 21-23 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Steinberg (6,628,325), in the view of Mishra (6,075,768). Applicant has opted to expedite the prosecution by canceling these claims without prejudice.

As noted above, claims 27, 29, 31 and 32 have been allowed. Newly presented claims 33-36 relate back to claim 27 and should be similarly allowed.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application and passage of this matter to issuance with claims 27, 29 and 31-36 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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